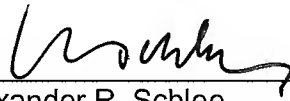


**Conclusion**

Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner issue a Notice of Allowance for the pending claims 1 – 13. Should the Examiner require further information, the Examiner is invited to contact the Applicant's representative at the number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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